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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rizzardi et al.

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Examiner: Preeti Kumar

For: Process for Pre-Treating Cellulosic Fibers and Cellulosic Fiber Blends

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Mail Stop: Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for responding to the Official Action dated December 3, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$420.00 or whatever fee may be required for such an extension to Account No. 03-2060 for which purpose a <u>duplicate</u> copy of this sheet is attached. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to deposit account 03-2060.

Respectfully submitted.

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